

Weekly Intelligence.

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

Gold in New York, Thursday, steady at 104.

Both Gortschakoff and Bismarck are seriously ill.

President Hayes paid Philadelphia a visit Wednesday.

Chas. Heurton, of Chicago, has failed. Liabilities, \$126,000.

The total house appropriation for rivers and harbors is \$7,300,000.

The French expedition will be formally opened on the first day of May.

The bonds shell from Florida is said to be creating a sensation at Washington.

John Seerist, real estate dealer, Chicago, has failed. Liabilities, \$186,000.

There was a severe rain and snow storm in Central Texas, last Tuesday night.

Senator Blaine headed an anti-Wood tariff procession, at Chester, Pa., last Saturday.

Samuel Steubert, colored, was hanged on the 19th inst., at Fonda, N. Y., for murder.

Governor Hampton, they say, will have a walk over in the next gubernatorial campaign.

The steamer Britannia arrived from England, Monday, with \$600,000 in gold for the country.

Canada has a pair of Siamese twins, girls. They are united at the back, and have but one leg each.

There has been \$2,001,500 in silver coined at the Philadelphia mint since it has been made a legal tender.

Mr. Gulisha A. Grow, the P. I. man, says, is growing in strength as a candidate for governor in Pennsylvania.

Wesley Turner, Jackson Edwards and Alex. Brown, were hanged at Franklin, La., last Monday, for murder.

The Blair resolution to reopen the presidential question, have been referred to the house judiciary committee.

Gen. Burnside's bill to mix up negroes and whites in the army has failed in the senate, by a vote of thirty-eight to seventeen.

Senator Cockrell, who has been quite ill with malaria fever for some time, had so far recovered, last Wednesday, as to be in his seat.

A cyclone visited the vicinity of St. Louis, Iowa, last Sunday, doing a great deal of damage to houses, fences, orchards, stock, &c.

A freight train on the Iron Mountain railroad, jumped the track, near Hemo, Mo., Monday, and killed two tramp who were standing nearby.

Robert McEvoy, who killed Major J. J. Gregg, at Graniteville, N. J., May 20th, 1877, was hanged at Aiken, S. C., of last week, the 19th inst.

The river and harbor bill passed the house by a vote of 166 to 66. It appropriates about \$900,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river.

Hon. T. T. Crittenden has appointed Charles P. Hepp, of Sudalia, as a candidate for chief midshipman at the United States Naval School, at Annapolis, Maryland.

Senator Thurman's Pacific railroad funding bill passed the house, Wednesday, with only two votes against it. It seems that the United States government is bigger than the U. P.

Theodore Tilton has caused the publication of a card, in which he denies that he has used any efforts to induce his wife to write a confession, or that any steps have been taken for her reunion.

The total exports from the port of New York to all foreign countries from January 1 to April 18, 1878, amount to \$101,881,135, against \$76,147,830 for the same period in 1877—an increase of \$25,733,305.

Very severe storms have recently visited various portions of the country; this week having been signalled by storms on the plains, in Texas, at St. Louis, Wheeling, Rome, Ga., Nashville and in the Yellowstone country.

Mr. Glover arose in his place, last Saturday, and denied the story printed in republican papers, to the effect that his committee had discovered where a member of congress had misappropriated \$5,000 of a public fund to his own use.

Hon. Wm. Otis, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, died, in New York, last Monday. He had held several important trusts under the government, before his appointment to the one which he filled at the time of his death.

The total eclipse of the sun, July 29th; visible at St. Louis from 3:49 to 5:51; magnitude at that place two-thirds of the sun's diameter. At the same time, it will be visible for about the same time, and to about the same degree.

The democratic house of representatives, on the 19th inst., passed a bill increasing Gen. James Shields' pension from \$30 to \$100 per month. If the republican senate does not kill the bill, the old hero will be out of danger of his declining years.

The post route bill which has just passed the house, and which will alter the route from Lexington to Holden, via Martin's shop, and Pittsfield. We thank Messrs. Cockrell and Crittenden for looking after this matter.

The moral of the Tweed sermon throughout the country should be, that he was not the only rascal in America, by several degrees or so. He was bad; but he never pretended to be good. That is more than Mr. Beecher can say, who draws pictures of depravity from his life.

The committee of ways and means have agreed to report an amendatory revenue bill, levying a tax of 15 cents per pound on tobacco, \$5 per thousand on cigars, \$1 25 per thousand on cigarettes and an income tax of 2 per centum on all sums of over \$2,000.

OUR COUNTY ROADS.

The effort to secure a sufficient number of signatures to the petitions asking the county court to have the roads worked by contract, having failed in all the townships, it will be well for the people to make every effort in their power to have the roads thoroughly worked under the old and familiar plan.

The advocates of the contract system should, now that the popular verdict has been virtually recorded against it, gracefully yield in deference to the majority, and assist to the best of their ability in making the only plan left to us successful.

We think that the county court, in accord with the people on this question, and will do whatever is clearly shown to be their will. In the matter of levying the tax, the court will, we assume, do as they did last year, while levying no special road tax, separate from the general tax, and appropriating to roads from the county expense fund. This, properly handled, supplemented with the labor, should place the roads in very fair condition.

When we speak of their fearful state, we must always bear in mind that we have passed through a very extraordinary season, as is evidenced by the fact that very many of the worst mud holes that we have are in the parts of the roads always heretofore good, even without work. For this reason we think that we need not despair of once more having good roads under the old system.

We cannot accomplish this result, however, until we all determine to set aside our little objections, either to the law or to those who must enforce it, and determine to do our duty under it like men, for the general good. The court will, probably, increase the pay of overseers to two dollars per day, and require them to render a strict account of every dollar which goes for the roads.

Some of the difficulties with the county court is in the appointment of road overseers. There are forty-two road districts in the county, and nearly as many overseers. It is almost impossible for the court, in many cases, to select the best man for the place, and we would suggest that it might be better to have the people select their own overseers. The court would then be left to select the best man for the place, and we would suggest that it might be better to have the people select their own overseers.

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The latest news from the east indicates that all efforts at mediation have so far failed, and that there is little hope of a peaceful solution of existing differences. Austria asserts that she will maintain an armed neutrality should hostilities begin. Russia and Roumania are on the verge of hostilities. What effect this will have on the two great diplomats, Gortschakoff and Bismarck, will have, it is difficult to judge; but it is thought that the circumstance may be seized upon to press the question to an issue. If England goes into the war, which it is thought inevitable, she will have all Europe in sympathy with her, with, possibly, the exception of Germany. The mooted alliance of the three emperors being regarded as never having been seriously contemplated.

New York Herald: "The democrats in Washington have cut and planned a first-class plan for the republican fall campaign platform. It is called the income tax." Everybody does not, sweet scribbler, enjoy, as does your boss, an annual income of half a million dollars. Let him pay, let him pay; he can afford it.

What part of the democratic party of the state of Missouri did Mr. Armstrong represent when he cast the only democratic vote in the senate to confirm the Palmyra butcher, John McNeil, as Indian inspector?

Thos. A. Edison, the inventor of the phonograph, is to contribute to the North American Review an article entitled, "The Phonograph and Its Future."

The house bill to prohibit the coinage of twenty-cent pieces, has passed the senate. It should become a law. They are a nuisance.

Stock Notes.
Said Elliott sold, April 25th, 1 heifer, 800 pounds, at 30 cents.
Bring in your stations Monday, May 6th, we are going to have a big day.
Said Elliott sold, April 25th, 2 head of cattle, 1,600 pounds, at 3 cents.
R. Parker sold, April 25th, to Messrs. Smith & Zeller, 1 cow, 1,200 pounds, at 3 cents.
H. Helm sold, April 25th, to Messrs. Smith & Zeller, 1 cow, 1,200 pounds, at 3 cents.
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